

In an insult to the intelligence of the American people and in an assault upon the principles of fairness in a democracy, Sinclair Broadcasting Group plans to air an extended and totally partisan campaign attack ad under the guise of a "news event." Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Moreover, I firmly believe that Sinclair's blatant violation of federal election law and the public trust means that the FCC must revoke Sinclair's licenses. I and many like-minded citizens will be taking concerted action to make sure that the FCC does its duty in this regard. Thank you.